PEANUTS, GET YOUR FRESH, HOT PEANUTS!
HEY, RIGHT HERE!
YOUR DAD'S DOING IT, MATT!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO BE THE NEXT CHAMP, JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
I'M GLAD YOU SAY SO, FOGGY...
...BECAUSE WITH THIS CROWD, I CAN'T HEAR A THING...
"...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE."
YOU KEEP YOUR GLOVES UP AND TAKE THOSE PUNCHES AND YOU'LL SEE A NICE PAYDAY, MURDOCK...

I CATCH MY BREATH AND FOCUS ON THE SOUND OF THE CROWD, TRYING TO DROWN OUT THE SNAKE IN MY CORNER...
REMEMBER, THE FIXER'S WATCHING EVERYTHING...
CATCH MY BREATH TO GET READY FOR ROUND TWO OF A FIGHT THAT AIN'T GOIN' PAST FOUR.
I KNOW THIS BECAUSE IT'S MY JOB TO SEE THAT IT DOESN'T.
YOU LISTENIN' TO ME?
AND NOT BY KNOCKING THE OTHER GUY OUT.
ROUND 2
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SO I GOT A PROBLEM I CAN'T SOLVE BY HITTIN' SOMETHING...
DING!
AND THAT'S THE THING...
I NEVER BEEN GOOD WITH PROBLEMS YOU CAN'T HIT...

JACK!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JACK?
GIMME A DRINK, JOSIE. I DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKIN'.
S-SURE, JACK. BOTTOMS UP. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.
YEAH... BOTTOMS--
--UP.
JACK?

TAP
TAP
TAP
YOU'RE SO FAST! NO ONE'S GONNA BE ABLE TO BEAT YOU!
HEH. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BOY.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE A BAD GUY ANYMORE? YOU'RE NOT GONNA BEAT UP PEOPLE'S DADS?
THAT'S RIGHT, MATT.
YOU'RE SHAKING, DAD...WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHIN'... IT'S JUST BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD A--
A WHAT? A WORKOUT?
YEAH. A WORK-OUT.

I TOLD THE FIXER TO GET SOME OTHER SLOB TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK, I--
WOOOOOOOOO
SHE AIN'T TALKIN' YET. TAKE 'ER TO THE STATION UNTIL WE CAN FIND SOME NEXT OF KIN.
DAD!
DAD!!!

MATT DIDN'T COME HOME FOR A WHILE AFTER THAT. AN' I'M NOT PROUD OF IT, BUT IT WAS A COUPLE'A DAYS BEFORE I EVEN THOUGHT TO LOOK FOR HIM.
TURNED OUT THAT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME MATT EVER SAW MY FACE.
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME HE'D SEE ANYTHING.

IT'S SCARY HOW WORKED UP I GET WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT.
MAKES IT HARD TO THINK STRAIGHT.
HARD TO REMEMBER THIS IS A FIGHT I LOSE.
DING! DING! DING!
REMEMBER THAT IT'S MY TURN TO BE WEAK.
CUZ THAT'S WHAT I DESERVE.
END ROUND TWO.